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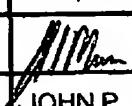
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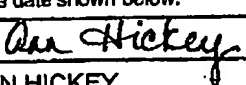
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In response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits the following in connection with the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.